

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—") or double brackets ("[[]]"), as is applicable:

1-74. (Canceled)

75. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to receive media content from a remote location over a network, the DHCT comprising:

a hard disk drive;

a memory having application software; and

a processor configured with the application software to provide a first graphics user interface (GUI) comprising download options for the reception of purchasable and recordable media (PRM) content and a second GUI comprising plural media content choices for which the download options do and do not pertain, the PRM content comprising content that is purchased one-time for indefinite use, the processor further configured with the application software to request from the remote location a download of a first PRM content to the hard disk drive, the first PRM content selected by a user from the second GUI, the download independent of a playback rate for the first PRM content, the first GUI comprising plural user-selectable download durations for the first PRM content, wherein the first GUI comprises a download option list, the download option list comprising a selectable first option to download the first PRM content immediately and a selectable second option to delay the download of the first PRM content according to a first duration, wherein the first GUI further comprises a price

window having a monetary value that varies depending on which of the selectable first or second options of the download option list is selected, the price window comprising a field within the first GUI.

76. (Canceled)

77. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~76~~75, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable third option to delay the download of the first PRM content according to a second duration.

78. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~76~~75, wherein the plural user-selectable ~~rates~~ download durations are presented to a user as choices of different times of a day when a download is complete.

79. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~76~~75, wherein the plural user-selectable ~~rates~~ download durations are presented to a user as choices of same start, varying end periods of a day when a download is complete.

80-81. (Canceled)

82. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~76~~75, wherein the download option list comprises plural download options for a trial purchase of PRM content.

83. (Canceled)

84. (Previously presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the second GUI comprises an interactive program guide (IPG), the IPG comprising a grid having channel identifiers, titles, and corresponding scheduled presentation times, the titles corresponding to broadcast media content for which the download options do not pertain, the titles further corresponding to media content that also comprise PRM content associated with the download options, the titles corresponding to the media content associated with the download options having a non-channel identifier indicator in proximity to the title, the indicator suggesting to the user that the media content associated with the download options can be downloaded.

85. (Previously presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the second GUI comprises an interactive program guide (IPG) with access by the user to a service guide via a service guide option presented in the IPG, the IPG further comprising a grid having channels and titles corresponding to the channels.

86. (Previously presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to, responsive to the user selection of the service guide option, present a third GUI comprising the service guide, the service guide comprising a plurality of media content options with at least one of the media content options associated with the download options and at least one of the media content options not associated with the download options.

87. (Previously presented) The system of claim 86, wherein the at least one of the media content options associated with the download options includes an option to download at least one of pay per view media content, video on demand media content, music media content, software media content, and game media content.

88. (Previously presented) The system of claim 75, further comprising a secondary storage device coupled to the DHCT, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to transfer downloaded PRM content stored on the hard disk drive to a medium residing in the secondary storage device.

89. (Previously presented) The system of claim 88, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to provide a fourth GUI that enables the user to archive the PRM content received to the secondary storage device.

90. (Previously presented) The system of claim 89, wherein fourth GUI comprises preconfigured lists including a media content list, genre/descriptive list, and medium list, wherein a list entry block for at least one of the preconfigured lists is highlighted as a default entry based on metadata associated with the PRM content residing on the medium.

91. (Previously presented) The system of claim 89, wherein the fourth GUI comprises at least one of an option to enable a user to configure a characterization of the PRM content residing on the medium and an option to search for PRM content residing on the medium.

92. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

providing by a processor of a digital home communications terminal (DHCT) a first graphics user interface (GUI) at ~~the DHCT~~ ~~a digital home communications terminal (DHCT)~~, the first GUI comprising download options for the reception of purchasable and recordable media (PRM) content, the PRM content comprising content that is purchased one-time for indefinite use and downloadable at a playback-independent rate, the first GUI comprising plural user-selectable download durations for the PRM content;

providing a second GUI at the DHCT, the second GUI comprising plural media content choices for which the download options do and do not pertain;

providing a plurality of download options and a price window in the second GUI, a monetary value in the price window differing depending on which of the plurality of download options are selected, the price window comprising a field within the second GUI;

providing an interactive program guide (IPG) in the second GUI, the IPG comprising a grid having titles and corresponding scheduled presentation times, the titles corresponding to broadcast media content for which the plurality of download options do not pertain, the titles further corresponding to media content that also comprise PRM content and that are associated with the plurality of download options, the titles corresponding to the media content associated with the plurality of download options having an indicator in proximity to the title, the indicator suggesting to the user that the media content associated with the plurality of download options can be downloaded; and

requesting a download of a first PRM content from a remote location to a hard disk drive coupled to the DHCT at one of the plural user-selectable download durations, the first PRM content selected by a user from the second GUI.

93-94. (Canceled)

95. (Previously presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to receive the first PRM content at the user-selected download rate using bandwidth reclaimed from excess video on demand bandwidth, the excess video on demand bandwidth reclaimed from bandwidth previously allocated for a VOD presentation having a session terminated before expiration of the VOD presentation rental period.

96. (Previously presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the network comprises a hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network.

97. (Currently amended) The method of claim 92, further comprising receiving the first PRM content at the user selected download rate duration.

98. (Previously presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the first PRM content is received using bandwidth reclaimed from excess video on demand bandwidth, the excess video on demand bandwidth reclaimed from bandwidth previously allocated for a VOD presentation having a session terminated before expiration of the VOD presentation rental period.

99. (Currently amended) The method of claim 92, wherein the user-selected download rate duration is independent of a playback rate of the first PRM content.